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Mayor Jerry E. Abramson
Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government
601 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Chief Robert C. White
Louisville Metro Police Department
633 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

RE: February 21, 2003 Shooting of Mr. Norman L. Wright

Dear Mayor Abramson and Chief White,

The Citizens Commission on Police Accountability has completed its review of the police investigative file in the above referenced matter. As a result, we have determined that the quality and adequacy of the investigation could have been improved if the following matters were addressed:

- 1. The investigative file should contain a scale drawing of the scene showing the placement of furniture, significant objects, and all persons at the scene.**

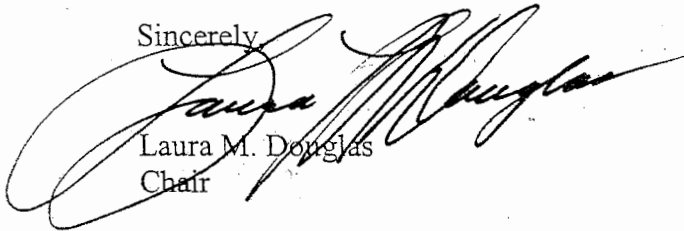
While the investigative file contained a diagram of the apartment unit (provided by the Apartment Complex Management) wherein the shooting took place, there was no indication the diagram was drawn to scale. Additionally, the location of individuals at the scene and the placement of furniture were not indicated. A diagram drawn to scale would be a valuable component of future investigative files.

2. **The LMPD should develop a policy on using force against dangerous animals. Within the department however, it is acknowledged that specific units (i.e. SWAT, bomb squad, etc.) may require a specialized policy.**

A consistent, department wide policy addressing this subject would be helpful to citizens and the department.

Thank you for reviewing and considering our recommendations. We look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura M. Douglas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" being more prominent.

Laura M. Douglas
Chair

Cc: Commission members
David Nicholson